

St. Paul's School Weekly Newsletter

March 15, 2006

Upcoming Calendar Events:

March 15 **6:30 p.m. First Communion
Parent Meeting – Music Room**

March 16 **Grade 6 Field Trip to Zeum**

**7:00 p.m. Parent Group
Meeting**

**Alternate Dress
(students wear green)**

March 17 **School Holiday**

March 20 **2:00 p.m. Dismissal
2:20 p.m. Faculty Meeting**

March 21 **Reconciliation for Grades 3-8**

March 22 **Spring Portraits
(Alternate Dress)**

March 23 **Reconciliation for Grades 3-8**

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Friday will be a school holiday to remember St. Patrick, co-patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Patrick was an unusual missionary. When he arrived in Ireland, most people were unaware of Christianity. But by the generation after his death, most of the people had embraced the Christian faith.

Patrick was born in what is now Wales. As a young boy, he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave. For seven years he remained in captivity, tending livestock. Finally, Patrick escaped, returned home and became a priest. After studying in Rome, he returned to Ireland as a missionary and bishop. He died in 461.

We remember St. Patrick especially for his use of the shamrock as a meditation on the Trinity of three divine Persons in one God.

I hope all the families of St. Paul's will enjoy this long weekend.

Sincerely,

Arleen Guaraglia
Principal

Parent Group Reminder:

The Parent Group meeting for March is scheduled for Thursday, the 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Traffic Safety:

Please do not double-park anywhere around the school. If you choose not to drop your child off using the white zone on 29th Street, allow enough time to find a parking space and walk to school.

Please respect our neighbors. **Do not block driveways at any time.**

Spring Portraits:

This year the students will be taking Spring Portraits on Wednesday, March 22. They will be allowed to be in alternate dress. All students will be photographed. When your portrait package goes home, you can review and purchase any portion of the package. There is no obligation to buy; simply return the package to school.

Miscellaneous:

Please make sure all re-registration forms are in by the due date so that you will not be assessed any late fees. All FACTS forms and tuition payment agreements should be signed and returned to the office the day after you receive them. Thank you.

Prayers of St. Patrick:

St. Patrick wrote prayers. Some of the prayers are known as loricae. "Lorica" means the breastplate or piece of armor that protects the chest. This type of prayer declares a person's faith that God alone is all the protection that we need. They are short and easy to memorize. Here is a good example:

Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ within me,
Christ beneath me.
Christ above me.

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left.

Christ where I lie,
Christ where I sit,
Christ where I rise.

Christ in the hearts of all who think of me.
Christ in the mouths of all who speak to me.
Christ in every eye that seems me.
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Target's Take Charge of Education Program:

Thanks to all of our families who continue to shop at Target using their credit card. We just received a check in the amount of \$377.84 from their Take Charge of Education program.

Yearbook Photos:

Photos to be included in the yearbook should be submitted to Mrs. Olivo no later than March 31st.

February Students of the Month:

- Kindergarten: Joshua Cervantez
Alessandra Navas
- First Grade: Alison Mayoral
Hunter Padilla
- Second Grade: Marcelo Dimas
Catherine Heinen
- Third Grade: Frank Gonzales
Anna Ramos
- Fourth Grade: Michael Bulen
Katherine Kelly
- Fifth Grade: Daniel Ortiz
Alex Wilson
- Sixth Grade: Clarissa Liwanag
Renée Sweeney
- Seventh Grade: Leticia Arellano
Anna Dittmann
- Eighth Grade: Relicque Lott
Christian Morrow